

## STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

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DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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## **Notice of Proposed Action**

July 16, 2007

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the Nevada Revised Statutes. The Administrator has received an application for renewal of water pollution control discharge permit # NEV93010 from the following applicant:

City of Caliente P.O. Box 158 Caliente, NV 89008

The City of Caliente operates a wastewater treatment and effluent reuse facility located one mile southwest of the city at the intersection of S.R. 317 (Rainbow Canyon Rd.) and U.S. 93 in Lincoln County. Four HDPE-lined and aerated wastewater treatment cells are operated in series to generate secondary (biological) treated effluent. During the growing season, the treated effluent is used to irrigate a 55-acre parcel of pasture to grow cattle forage crops. Additionally, the Permittee has requested authorization to irrigate another 25-acre parcel of pasture in the immediate vicinity of the treatment facility. All effluent produced by the treatment process is stored in two HDPE-lined lagoons during the winter season. The design treatment capacity of this facility is 0.27 million gallons per day on a 30-day average basis. The Division has made the tentative determination to issue (renew) the proposed permit conditions for a period of five (5) years.

Based on preliminary review of Nevada Revised Statutes and implementing regulations, the Administrator proposes to issue (renew) the permit to discharge, subject to the limitations and conditions imposed. Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding permit issuance, or request a hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, Water Pollution Control, should submit their comments or request, in writing, within thirty (30) days of the date of newspaper publication, closing at 5:00 P.M. on August 20, 2007, either in person or by mail to:

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Division of Environmental Protection Bureau of Water Pollution Control 901 S. Stewart Street, Suite 4001 Carson City, Nevada 89701

The request must be filed within the comment period and must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and the reasons why a hearing is warranted. All comments or

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objections received by 5:00 P.M. on August 20, 2007 will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. A public notice of such hearing will be issued not less than thirty (30) days prior to the hearing date.

If no hearing is held and the determinations of the Administrator are substantially changed from the tentative determinations, the Administrator will give public notice of the revised determinations. Additional comments and objections will be considered at that time.

The application, proposed permit, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by calling Jim Hogan, Bureau of Water Pollution Control at 775.687.9434, or by facsimile 775.687.4684, or by e-mail: <a href="mailto:jhogan@ndep.nv.gov">jhogan@ndep.nv.gov</a>. This notice and the draft fact sheet can be viewed at <a href="http://ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm">http://ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm</a>.

Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons whom you know would be interested in this matter.